# Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

## Supervisor's Report on Use of Force



### Incident Information

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| URN: | 019 - 12713 - 1414 - 057 |
| Date: | 09/20/2019 |
| Time: | 1604 |
| Location: | [redacted] N. Hudson Avenue |
| City or Station: | Industry Station |
| Bureau/Station/Facility: | East Patrol Division/Industrty Station |
| Admin. Investigation: | ○ YES ◉ NO |
| Type of Force: | Taser/OC Spray/Control Holds/Carotid Restraint/Hobble and TARP |
| Incident Category: | ○ 1 ○ 2 ◉ 3 |
| Deputy Injury: | ○ YES ◉ NO |
| Suspect Injury | ◉ YES ○ NO |
| | ☐ Call ☒ Observation ☐ Detail ☐ Foot Pursuit ☐ Vehicle Pursuit |
| IAB Notified: | ◉ YES ○ NO |
| Person Notified: | Sergeant Maxwell |
| Emp: | [redacted] |
| IAB Roll Out | ◉ YES ○ NO |

### Involved Employee

**E1**

| | |
|---|---|
| Employee # | [redacted] |
| Last Name | Cariaga |
| First Name | Sean |
| Middle I. | M |
| Rank | B-1 |
| Sex: | ◉ M ○ F |
| Race: | O |
| Height: | 507 |
| Weight: | 200 |
| Age: | [redacted] |
| Shift: | ○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM |
| | ○ Regular Shift ◉ OT Shift ○ Off Duty |
| Unit of Assignment: | Industry Station |
| Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): | 141D |
| Individual Force Used: | Taser/Control Holds/Hobble/TARP |
| | ○ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist |
| Individual Category | ○ 1 ○ 2 ◉ 3 |
| | ☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility: |
| Coroner Case # | |

**E2**

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|---|---|
| Employee # | [redacted] |
| Last Name | Valencia |
| First Name | Joseph |
| Middle I. | A |
| Rank | DSG |
| Sex: | ◉ M ○ F |
| Race: | O |
| Height: | 508 |
| Weight: | 160 |
| Age: | [redacted] |
| Shift: | ○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM |
| | ◉ Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty |
| Unit of Assignment: | Industry Station |
| Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): | 141A3 |
| Individual Force Used: | Control Holds/Carotid Restraint/TARP |
| | ○ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist |
| Individual Category | ○ 1 ○ 2 ◉ 3 |
| | ☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility: |
| Coroner Case # | |

**E3**

| | |
|---|---|
| Employee # | [redacted] |
| Last Name | Gunawan |
| First Name | Geoffrey |
| Middle I. | A |
| Rank | DSG |
| Sex: | ◉ M ○ F |
| Race: | A |
| Height: | 508 |
| Weight: | 165 |
| Age: | [redacted] |
| Shift: | ○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM |
| | ○ Regular Shift ◉ OT Shift ○ Off Duty |
| Unit of Assignment: | Industry Station |
| Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): | 141T6 |
| Individual Force Used: | Control Holds |
| | ○ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist |
| Individual Category | ○ 1 ○ 2 ◉ 3 |
| | ☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility: |
| Coroner Case # | |

☐ Additional Involved Employees

### On Duty Supervisor

| Emp. # | Last Name | First Name | Middle I. | Rank | Present | Witness to Incident |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| [redacted] | Lopez | Eduardo | | SGT | YES ◉ NO ○ | YES ◉ NO ○ |

### Supervisor Completing Investigation

| Emp. # | Last Name | First Name | Middle I. | Rank | Present | Witness to Incident |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| [redacted] | Gipson | Keyshanette | W. | SGT | YES ○ NO ◉ | YES ○ NO ◉ |

### Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant

| Emp. # | Last Name | First Name | Middle I. | Rank |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| [redacted] | Walker | Deryl | T. | LT |

Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant's **Signature:** _______ Date 05/27/20

Copy Provided to Employee by: [redacted] Emp #: ______ 6/23/20 Date

Unit Commander **(Print Name)** WILLIAM JAEGER

Unit Commander's **Signature:** _______

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☐ PPI REVIEW COMPLETED

Original: Discovery Unit
Copy: Unit Commander

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## INVOLVED EMPLOYEE - Continuation

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**Involved Employee**

**E 4**

| Employee # | Last Name | First Name | Middle I. | Rank |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| [redacted] | Mendoza | Joseph | E. | B-1 |

| Sex: | Race: | Height: | Weight: | Age: | Shift: | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (•) M ( ) F | H | 509 | 225 | [redacted] | ( ) EM ( ) Day (•) PM | ( ) Regular Shift (•) OT Shift ( ) Off Duty |

Unit of Assignment: Industry Station

Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 141A1

Individual Force Used: Control Holds/OC Spray/Resisted Handcuffing

( ) Directed ( ) Rescue ( ) Medical Assist

Individual Category: ( ) 1 ( ) 2 (•) 3

☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility:

Coroner Case #

**E 5**

| Employee # | Last Name | First Name | Middle I. | Rank |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| [redacted] | Davanzo | Ivan | | DSG |

| Sex: | Race: | Height: | Weight: | Age: | Shift: | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (•) M ( ) F | H | 507 | 220 | [redacted] | ( ) EM ( ) Day (•) PM | (•) Regular Shift ( ) OT Shift ( ) Off Duty |

Unit of Assignment: Industry Station

Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 141E

Individual Force Used: Control Holds/Hobble

( ) Directed ( ) Rescue ( ) Medical Assist

Individual Category: ( ) 1 ( ) 2 (•) 3

☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility:

Coroner Case #

**E 6**

| Employee # | Last Name | First Name | Middle I. | Rank |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| [redacted] | Ortiz | Jacqueline | T. | DSG |

| Sex: | Race: | Height: | Weight: | Age: | Shift: | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ( ) M (•) F | H | 503 | 135 | [redacted] | ( ) EM ( ) Day (•) PM | (•) Regular Shift ( ) OT Shift ( ) Off Duty |

Unit of Assignment: Industry Station

Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 141F

Individual Force Used: Resisted Handcuffing

( ) Directed ( ) Rescue ( ) Medical Assist

Individual Category: ( ) 1 ( ) 2 (•) 3

☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility:

Coroner Case #

**E_**

| Employee # | Last Name | First Name | Middle I. | Rank |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | |

| Sex: | Race: | Height: | Weight: | Age: | Shift: | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ( ) M ( ) F | | | | | ( ) EM ( ) Day ( ) PM | ( ) Regular Shift ( ) OT Shift ( ) Off Duty |

Unit of Assignment:

Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):

Individual Force Used:

( ) Directed ( ) Rescue ( ) Medical Assist

Individual Category: ( ) 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3

☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility:

Coroner Case #

**E_**

| Employee # | Last Name | First Name | Middle I. | Rank |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | |

| Sex: | Race: | Height: | Weight: | Age: | Shift: | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ( ) M ( ) F | | | | | ( ) EM ( ) Day ( ) PM | ( ) Regular Shift ( ) OT Shift ( ) Off Duty |

Unit of Assignment:

Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):

Individual Force Used:

( ) Directed ( ) Rescue ( ) Medical Assist

Individual Category: ( ) 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3

☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility:

Coroner Case #

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## SUSPECT INFORMATION

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### Suspect Information

**S 1**

Last Name: Lopez | First Name: Bruno | Middle Name: Alfredo | Armed? Select: Not Armed

AKA Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name:

Sex: (●) Male ( ) Female | Race: H | Age: 29 | Height: 506 | Weight: 190 | D.O.B: 08-16-90 | Phone #1: ( ) H ( ) W (●) C N/A | Phone #2: ( ) H ( ) W ( ) C

Street Address: [redacted] | City: [redacted] | State & Zip Code: [redacted]

Booking #: 5750508 | Primary Charge Code: 459PC | Secondary Charge Code: 69PC | [redacted] Criminal History

Treated on Scene? (●) YES ( ) NO | Name: LA County Fire | Unit: Eng. #26 | Phone #:

Hospital Admission? [X] | Rec'd Treatment At: Queen of the Valley | Coroner Case #: N/A | Mental History [ ] User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: Anne Onyekwuluje MD | Address: 1115 S. Sunset Avenue West Covina | Phone #: 800-940-2243

Under Influence: (●) YES ( ) NO | Substance: CNS Stimulant | 5150 a factor in force? ( ) YES (●) NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

#### Suspect Interview

Date: 09/23/19 | Time: 1458 | [X] Audiotape: | [ ] Videotape: | [ ] Photos of Injuries: | [X] ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Suspect Information

**S __**

Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name: | Armed? Select:

AKA Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name:

Sex: ( ) Male ( ) Female | Race: | Age: | Height: | D.O.B. | Weight: | Phone #1: ( ) H ( ) W ( ) C | Phone #2: ( ) H ( ) W ( ) C

Street Address: | City: | State & Zip Code:

Booking #: | Primary Charge Code: | Secondary Charge Code: | [ ] Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ( ) YES ( ) NO | By: | Unit: | Phone #:

Hospital Admission? [ ] | Rec'd Treatment At: | Coroner Case #: | Mental History [ ] User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: | Address: | Phone #:

Under Influence: ( ) YES ( ) NO | Substance: | 5150 a factor in force? ( ) YES ( ) NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

#### Suspect Interview

Date: | Time: | [ ] Audiotape: | [ ] Videotape: | [ ] Photos of Injuries: | [ ] ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Suspect Information

**S __**

Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name: | Armed? Select:

AKA Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name:

Sex: ( ) Male ( ) Female | Race: | Age: | Height: | D.O.B. | Weight: | Phone #1: ( ) H ( ) W ( ) C | Phone #2: ( ) H ( ) W ( ) C

Street Address: | City: | State & Zip Code:

Booking #: | Primary Charge Code: | Secondary Charge Code: | [ ] Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ( ) YES ( ) NO | By: | Unit: | Phone #:

Hospital Admission? [ ] | Rec'd Treatment At: | Coroner Case #: | Mental History [ ] User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: | Address: | Phone #:

Under Influence: ( ) YES ( ) NO | Substance: | 5150 a factor in force? ( ) YES ( ) NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

#### Suspect Interview

Date: | Time: | [ ] Audiotape: | [ ] Videotape: | [ ] Photos of Injuries: | [ ] ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS



[ ] **Additional Suspects Involved**

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## EMPLOYEE / NON-EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

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**Employee Witnesses**

| Emp. # | Last Name | First Name | Middle Name |
|---|---|---|---|
| [redacted] | Witt | Scott | C. |

| Unit of Assignment: | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): | Shift: | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Industry Station | Jailer | ○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM | ◉ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty |

| Emp. # | Last Name | First Name | Middle Name |
|---|---|---|---|
| [redacted] | Lopez | Eduardo | |

| Unit of Assignment: | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): | Shift: | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Industry Station | 142S | ○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM | ◉ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty |

| Emp. # | Last Name | First Name | Middle Name |
|---|---|---|---|
| [redacted] | Wilson | Thomas | D. |

| Unit of Assignment: | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): | Shift: | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Industry Station | 144D | ○ EM ○ Day PM | ○ Regular ◉ OT ○ Off Duty |

**Non-Employee Witnesses**

| Last Name | First Name | Middle Name | Age | D.O.B. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| [redacted] | [redacted] | | 31 | [redacted] |

| Street Address | City | Zip Code | Phone #1 | Phone #2 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | |

| Last Name | First Name | Middle Name | Age | D.O.B. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| [redacted] | [redacted] | | 25 | [redacted] |

| Street Address | City | Zip Code | Phone #1 | Phone #2 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | |

| Last Name | First Name | Middle Name | Age | D.O.B. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
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| Street Address | City | Zip Code | Phone #1 | Phone #2 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
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| Last Name | First Name | Middle Name | Age | D.O.B. |
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| Street Address | City | Zip Code | Phone #1 | Phone #2 |
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| Last Name | First Name | Middle Name | Age | D.O.B. |
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| Street Address | City | Zip Code | Phone #1 | Phone #2 |
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| Last Name | First Name | Middle Name | Age | D.O.B. |
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| Street Address | City | Zip Code | Phone #1 | Phone #2 |
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| Last Name | First Name | Middle Name | Age | D.O.B. |
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| Street Address | City | Zip Code | Phone #1 | Phone #2 |
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| Last Name | First Name | Middle Name | Age | D.O.B. |
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| Street Address | City | Zip Code | Phone #1 | Phone #2 |
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| Last Name | First Name | Middle Name | Age | D.O.B. |
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| Street Address | City | Zip Code | Phone #1 | Phone #2 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | |

☐ Additional Witness

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## EMPLOYEE / NON-EMPLOYEE INFORMATION - Continuation

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**Employee Witnesses**

| Emp. # | Last Name | First Name | Middle Name |
|---|---|---|---|
| [redacted] | Corum | Brandon | L. |

| Unit of Assignment: | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): | Shift: | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Industry Station | 143T1 | ○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM | ◉ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty |

| Emp. # | Last Name | First Name | Middle Name |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | |

| Unit of Assignment: | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): | Shift: | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | ○ EM ○ Day ○ PM | ○ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty |

| Emp. # | Last Name | First Name | Middle Name |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | |

| Unit of Assignment: | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): | Shift: | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | ○ EM ○ Day ○ PM | ○ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty |

**Non-Employee Witnesses**

| Last Name | First Name | Middle Name | Age | D.O.B. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | |

| Street Address | City | Zip Code | Phone #1 | Phone #2 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
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| Last Name | First Name | Middle Name | Age | D.O.B. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
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| Street Address | City | Zip Code | Phone #1 | Phone #2 |
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| Last Name | First Name | Middle Name | Age | D.O.B. |
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| Street Address | City | Zip Code | Phone #1 | Phone #2 |
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| Last Name | First Name | Middle Name | Age | D.O.B. |
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| Street Address | City | Zip Code | Phone #1 | Phone #2 |
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| Last Name | First Name | Middle Name | Age | D.O.B. |
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| Last Name | First Name | Middle Name | Age | D.O.B. |
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| Street Address | City | Zip Code | Phone #1 | Phone #2 |
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| Last Name | First Name | Middle Name | Age | D.O.B. |
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| Street Address | City | Zip Code | Phone #1 | Phone #2 |
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| Last Name | First Name | Middle Name | Age | D.O.B. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
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| Street Address | City | Zip Code | Phone #1 | Phone #2 |
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| Last Name | First Name | Middle Name | Age | D.O.B. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
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| Street Address | City | Zip Code | Phone #1 | Phone #2 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
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***Method***

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton: (Control)
(BI) Baton: (Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds: (Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds: (Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds: (Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(RO) Restraint Device (Other)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device: Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device: Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(IR) Less Lethal Impact Round (other)
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative
(HR) High Risk

***Type of Injury***

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

***Body Part Involved***

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hands
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(NO) Nose
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

| FORCE USED BY | | FORCE USED AGAINST | | Method (Code) | Type of Injury (Code) | Body Part (Code) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Name | E# or S# | Name | E# or S# | | | |
| Lopez | S#1 | Cariaga | E#1 | HR | NN | N/A |
| Cariaga | E#1 | Lopez | S#1 | TR | PW | AD |
| Lopez | S#1 | Cariaga | E#1 | PP | NN | CH |
| Lopez | S#1 | Valencia | E#2 | PP | NN | CH |
| Lopez | S#1 | Mendoza | E#4 | PP | NN | CH |
| Cariaga | E#1 | Lopez | S#1 | CT | NN | AR |
| Valencia | E#2 | Lopez | S#1 | CT | NN | AR |
| Mendoza | E#4 | Lopez | S#1 | CT | NN | AR |
| Mendoza | E#4 | Lopez | S#1 | OC | NN | FA |
| Valencia | E#2 | Lopez | S#1 | CR | UN | NK |
| Mendoza | E#4 | Lopez | S#1 | RH | NN | WR |
| Ortiz | E#6 | Lopez | S#1 | RH | NN | WR |
| Valencia | E#2 | Lopez | S#1 | RH | NN | WR |
| Davanzo | E#5 | Lopez | S#1 | CT | NN | LE |
| Cariaga | E#1 | Lopez | S#1 | TP | NN | AK |
| Valencia | E#2 | Lopez | S#1 | TP | NN | AK |
| Lopez | S#1 | Gunawan | E#3 | BF | NN | AK |
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# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
# SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

# INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

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|---|---|
| **INCIDENT:** | **Category 3 Use of Force – Rhabdomyolysis Requiring Hospitalization** |
| **IAB FILE NUMBER:** | **FO 2494100** |
| **URN#:** | **019-12713-1414-057** |
| **DIVISION/UNIT:** | **East Patrol / Industry Station** |
| **DATE/ TIME:** | **September 20, 2019, Friday, 1604 Hours** |
| **LOCATION:** | **[redacted] N. Hudson Avenue, Industry** |
| **INVOLVED PERSONNEL:** | **Deputy Sean M. Cariaga, #[redacted]**<br>**Deputy Joseph Valencia, #[redacted]**<br>**Deputy Geoffrey Gunawan, #[redacted]**<br>**Detective Joseph Mendoza, #[redacted]**<br>**Deputy Ivan Davanzo, #[redacted]**<br>**Deputy Jacqueline Ortiz, #[redacted]** |

**SYNOPSIS:**

On September 20 2019, at approximately 1604 hours, Suspect Bruno Lopez was acting erratic inside of the Industry Station Jail, Row D, cell #2. Suspect Lopez was yelling incoherently, screaming, and claimed to be having a medical emergency. Custody Assistant Witt, the PM Shift Jailer, and Sergeant Lopez, Unit 142S, both tried to calm Suspect Lopez down; however, he would not comply. Suspect Lopez was wildly swinging a white towel, and continuously screaming. Suspect Lopez was sweating profusely and demanded to be let out of the cell. Industry Station deputy personnel and the Los Angeles County Fire Department Paramedics were summoned to the jail. Deputy Cariaga, Unit 141D, Deputy Valencia, Unit 141A3, Detective Mendoza, Unit 141A1, Deputy Gunawan, Unit 141T6, Deputy Ortiz, Unit 141F, and Deputy Davanzo, Unit 141E, responded to the jail.

**IAB Note:** **Suspect Bruno Lopez, BK #5750508 was arrested on September 19, 2019 for [redacted]. His arrest is documented under File**

#[redacted], **and the arrest report is included with this casebook [EXHIBIT B].**

Sergeant Lopez ordered Deputy Gunawan to video record Suspect Lopez' behavior while he was inside of his cell. Sergeant Lopez exited Row D to make notifications to the watch commander and watch sergeant. While waiting for the paramedics to arrive, Suspect Lopez began to attack Inmate Witness [redacted] who was also housed inside of cell #2. Inmate Witness [redacted] was also in cell #2. Suspect Lopez suddenly started to hit Inmate Witness [redacted] who was lying on his bunk, with his hands. To defend himself, Witness [redacted], raised his hands and feet to shield himself. The deputies ordered Suspect Lopez to stop fighting; however, he did not comply. Deputy Cariaga announced he was going to deploy his Taser in order to stop the assault. Deputy Ortiz retrieved the jail keys from Custody Assistant Witt, unlocked the cell gate, and stepped aside. Deputy Cariaga slid the cell gate open. When the gate opened, additional Taser announcements were made. Deputy Cariaga employed his Taser and struck Suspect Lopez on his front upper torso.

The Taser seemed to have no effect on Suspect Lopez, and he immediately ran out of the cell. Suspect Lopez ran past Deputies Gunawan, Cariaga, Valencia, and Detective Mendoza. As he ran out of the cell, and into the corridor, Suspect Lopez fell to the floor. Deputies Cariaga and Valencia, along with Detective Mendoza, all tried to gain control of Suspect Lopez, but were unsuccessful. Detective Mendoza sprayed Suspect Lopez with OC Spray (Oleoresin Capsicum), but the spray seemed to have no effect. Suspect Lopez continued to resist the deputies and fiercely tried to get up, using all of his strength to overpower the deputies. Despite the deputies' efforts, Suspect Lopez was able to stand to his feet. Once Suspect Lopez stood up, Deputy Valencia, who was standing directly behind him, placed Suspect Lopez into a carotid restraint. Deputy Valencia applied the carotid restraint for approximately five to ten seconds, until Suspect Lopez was rendered unconscious. Deputy Valencia then guided Suspect Lopez down to the floor and onto his stomach. Deputies Valencia, Cariaga, Ortiz and Detective Mendoza, quickly handcuffed Suspect Lopez behind his back.

After Suspect Lopez was handcuffed, he regained consciousness and resisted by kicking his feet, and thrashing his body. Deputy Davanzo grabbed the suspect's legs, to prevent him from kicking. Deputy Gunawan passed the video camera to Custody Assistant Witt, and held Suspect Lopez' left leg. Deputy Cariaga placed a RIPP Hobble restraint device around the suspect's ankles. Once Suspect Lopez was hobbled, he continued to thrash his body. Deputies Valencia and Cariaga then applied the Total Appendage Restraint Procedure (TARP). After the TARP was applied, Suspect Lopez was placed into a recovery position on his left side. He was moved to a larger corridor, to allow easier access for Los Angeles County Fire Department Paramedics. When the paramedics arrived, Suspect Lopez began to spit at the deputies and paramedics. Suspect Lopez, who was bleeding from his mouth, spat a mixture of saliva and blood onto Deputy Gunawan's pant leg. Suspect Lopez was treated by the paramedics, then transported to Queen of the Valley Hospital.

All reports documenting this incident were submitted **[Exhibit B]**.

On Friday, September 20, 2019, an Internal Affairs Bureau Force Response Team responded to Industry Station regarding a Category 3 use of force, in which the suspect was hospitalized for Rhabdomyolysis. The team was comprised of Acting Lieutenant Michael Maxwell, Sergeant Christopher Bergo, and Sergeant Scott Chatman. The following review is based on written documentation and interviews of the involved deputies, witnesses and the suspect.

## INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY

**Sean M. Cariaga**, Bonus I, #[redacted]
East Patrol Division
Industry Station

**Work History**

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Employment: | October 05, 1990 |
| Date Assigned to Unit: | October 03, 1999 |
| Date Completed Patrol Training: | [redacted] |
| Prior Founded Force Incidents: | [redacted] |

**Equipment Worn On Person**

Duty Belt
Firearm
Radio holder and radio
OC spray
Handcuffs
Taser X26 and Taser holster

**Joseph A. Valencia**, Deputy, #[redacted]
East Patrol Division
Industry Station

**Work History**

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Employment: | August 21, 2014 |
| Date Assigned to Unit: | September 30, 2018 |
| Date Completed Patrol Training: | [redacted] |
| Prior Founded Force Incidents: | [redacted] |

**Equipment Worn On Person**

Duty Belt
Firearm

Radio holder and radio
OC spray
Handcuffs
Key holder with keys
Flashlight

**Geoffrey A. Gunawan**, Deputy, #[redacted]
East Patrol Division
Industry Station

**Work History**

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Employment: | October 03, 2013 |
| Date Assigned to Unit: | December 17, 2017 |
| Date Completed Patrol Training: | [redacted] |
| Prior Founded Force Incidents: | [redacted] |

**Equipment Worn On Person**

Duty Belt
Firearm
OC spray
Handcuffs
Flashlight
Hobble

**Joseph E. Mendoza**, Bonus I, #[redacted] 
East Patrol Division
Industry Station

**Work History**

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Employment: | August 04, 2004 |
| Date Assigned to Unit: | September 07, 2014 |
| Date Completed Patrol Training: | [redacted] |
| Prior Founded Force Incidents: | [redacted] |

**Equipment Worn On Person**

Duty Belt
Firearm
Radio holder with a radio
OC spray
Handcuffs

**Ivan Davanzo**, Deputy, #[redacted]
East Patrol Division
Industry Station

**Work History**

Date of Employment: August 19, 1998
Date Assigned to Unit: May 20, 2007
Date Completed Patrol Training: [redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents: [redacted]

**Equipment Worn On Person**

Duty Belt
Firearm
Radio holder and radio
OC spray
Handcuffs
Key holder with keys
Flashlight

**Jacqueline T. Ortiz**, Deputy, #[redacted]
East Patrol Division
Industry Station

**Work History**

Date of Employment: June 06, 2007
Date Assigned to Unit: January 20, 2013
Date Completed Patrol Training: [redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents: [redacted]

**Equipment Worn On Person**

Duty Belt
Firearm
Radio holder and radio
OC spray
Handcuffs
Key holder with keys

## DEPUTY PERSONNEL INJURIES

No Department personnel were injured during this incident.

## SUSPECT INFORMATION

**Bruno Alfredo Lopez**
Male, Hispanic, DOB: August 16, 1990, 5'06", 190 lbs.
[redacted]
CII # [redacted] MAIN # [redacted] FBI # [redacted]

> **IAB Note:** **A copy of Suspect Lopez' Consolidated Criminal History Reporting System (CCHRS) Report is included in this casebook [EXHIBIT C].**

## SUSPECT'S INJURIES

The treating physician, Dr. Anne Onyekwuluje, diagnosed Suspect Lopez with Agitation, Psychosis, and Rhabdomyolysis.

> **IAB Note:** **A copy of Suspect Lopez' medical records from Queen of the Valley Hospital are included in this casebook [EXHIBIT D].**

> **IAB Note:** **Rhabdomyolysis is a breakdown of muscle tissue that releases a damaging protein into the bloodstream. Symptoms include dark reddish urine, a decreased amount of urine, weakness, and muscle aches.**

## PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

No physical evidence related to the use of force was collected by Internal Affairs Bureau investigators.

## INVESTIGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

Internal Affairs Bureau investigators responded to the location of occurrence.

> **IAB Note:** **Photographs of the scene were taken by Industry Station personnel. The photographs are included in this casebook [EXHIBIT A].**

## WEAPON USED BY DEPUTY CARIAGA

Deputy Cariaga used an X26 Taser.

> **IAB Note:** **A check of the Taser download report generated on October 7, 2019, for Deputy Cariaga's Taser, serial number X00-[redacted], revealed the following activations:**

1. **March 03, 2000 10:46:35 hours / 7 second duration**
2. **March 03, 2000 10:46:39 hours / 4 second duration**
3. **March 03, 2000 10:46:55 hours / 1 second duration**

**The dates and times do not reflect the actual time of events, due to a technical issue with the Taser. The Taser download is included with this casebook [EXHIBIT F].**

## WEAPONS USED BY DEPUTY VALENCIA

None

## WEAPONS USED BY DEPUTY GUNAWAN

None

## WEAPONS USED BY DETECTIVE MENDOZA

Detective Mendoza used OC spray.

## WEAPONS USED BY DEPUTY DAVANZO

None

## WEAPONS USED BY DEPUTY ORTIZ

None

## WEAPON USED BY SUSPECT REYES

None

## PROPERTY DAMAGE BY SUSPECT REYES

Suspect Lopez spat a mixture of saliva and blood on Deputy Gunawan's pant leg.

## CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION AND CHARGES FILED

**Investigator:** Industry Station Detective – Thomas Lodlo, #[redacted]

**Court:** West Covina Courthouse – 1427 W. Covina Parkway, West Covina, CA 91790

**Charges:** On September 23, 2019, the West Covina District Attorney's Office filed the following charges against Suspect Lopez: [redacted] PC, 11550 HS, 69 PC, 243(A) PC, and 243.1 PC. The Consolidated Criminal History Report **[EXHIBIT C]** and Court Minute Order, Superior

Court of California, County of Los Angeles, #9WC06286, are included in this case book **[EXHIBIT E]**.

**Convictions:** On October 2, 2019, Suspect Lopez was convicted of the following charges:

- (1) count of 69 PC - Sentenced to 3 years Summary Probation, and fined $300.00.
- (1) count of 243(B) PC - Sentenced to 3 years Summary Probation.
- (1) count of [redacted] CVC - Sentenced to 3 years Summary Probation, and fined $390.00.

## LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

The incident occurred inside the Industry Station jail.

## INVOLVED EMPLOYEES STATEMENTS

*The following narratives are intended only as a synopsis of the interviews. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digitally audio recorded interviews and verbatim transcriptions.*

### Involved Employee Deputy Sean Cariaga

On February 26, 2020, at 1347 hours, Internal Affairs Bureau investigators conducted an interview with Deputy Sean Cariaga.

On September 20, 2019, Deputy Cariaga was in the report writing room at Industry Station, when he heard a page over the intercom. Deputies were requested to respond to the jail regarding an inmate disturbance. He responded to the jail, along with Deputies Valencia, Gunawan, Ortiz, and Detective Mendoza. When he walked into the jail, he heard someone yelling and screaming. He did not remember what the inmates were saying, but recalled the spoke in both English and Spanish. Deputy Cariaga does not speak Spanish **[Pages 4-5, of Deputy Cariaga's transcribed interview]**.

Deputy Cariaga and other deputies walked to the back of the jail. Deputy Cariaga saw Sergeant Lopez with a video camera in his hand as he talked toward Suspect Lopez. Suspect Lopez appeared to be out of control. He yelled he needed food, and was clearly altered. Deputy Cariaga believed Suspect Lopez was possibly under the influence of Methamphetamine, because he had recently seen an influx of inmates with similar behavior inside the station jail **[Page 5, of Deputy Cariaga's transcribed interview]**.

Deputy Cariaga noticed two other inmates inside the cell with Suspect Lopez that were lying on their bunks. Deputy Cariaga knew Suspect Lopez would need to be removed from the cell. He and Sergeant Lopez tried to calm Suspect Lopez down, but Suspect

Lopez continued to yell. Sergeant Lopez asked Custody Assistant Witt to summon the paramedics to the jail. While waiting for the paramedics to respond, one of the other inmates told Suspect Lopez to calm down. Suddenly, Suspect Lopez turned his attention to Witness [redacted], and started to attack him. Deputy Cariaga stood right outside of the cell and remembered a deputy video recording Suspect Lopez' behavior, but he could not remember who the deputy was. Deputy Cariaga asked for the key to the cell. He warned Suspect Lopez the Taser would be used if he did not stop attacking Witness [redacted] but Suspect Lopez continued his attack. Deputy Cariaga said there was no time to develop a plan, because the attack was unexpected. The cell gate was opened and Deputy Cariaga yelled, "Taser!" and fired his Taser at Suspect Lopez' back. When the gate opened, Suspect Lopez quickly turned toward Deputy Cariaga. The Taser prongs struck the suspect in the upper front torso **[Pages 5-8, of Deputy Cariaga's transcribed interview]**.

**IAB Note: Deputy Cariaga's training records showed he was trained on the Taser, on April 17, 2005. His training records are included with this casebook [MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS].**

Deputy Cariaga said the Taser cycled for five seconds but seemed to have no effect on Suspect Lopez. Suspect Lopez immediately charged straight out of the cell into the corridor and fell to the floor. Deputy Cariaga and the other deputies tried to gain control of Suspect Lopez. While on the floor attempting to subdue the suspect, Deputy Cariaga activated the Taser a second time. Deputy Valencia told Deputy Cariaga to shut the Taser off, because deputy personnel got shocked. Deputy Cariaga deactivated the Taser, but Suspect Lopez continued to struggle with personnel. Deputy Cariaga and other deputies were not able to gain control of Suspect Lopez. Detective Mendoza sprayed Suspect Lopez with OC spray (Oleoresin capsicum), but he continued to resist, and fiercely tried to get up. Deputy Cariaga said the OC spray affected him and the other deputies. He felt discomfort in his eyes and lungs. Despite their efforts, Suspect Lopez was able to stand up onto his feet. Deputy Cariaga heard Deputy Valencia say he was going to apply the carotid restraint technique. When Deputy Valencia applied the carotid restraint, Deputy Cariaga stood directly behind him (Deputy Valencia). He commended Deputy Valencia's application of the carotid restraint. He said the application was precise like watching a training video. Deputy Valencia was calm, and told them when he felt Suspect Lopez was unconscious **[Pages 8-10, of Deputy Cariaga's transcribed interview]**.

**IAB Note: Before Deputy Cariaga deployed his Taser, someone was heard using profanity. Deputy Cariaga said it was not him; however, he admitted to using profane language when OC spray was deployed during the incident.**

While Suspect Lopez was unconscious, Deputy Valencia placed him face down on the floor. When Deputy Cariaga handcuffed Suspect Lopez' left wrist he noticed someone already handcuffed his right wrist. Both sets of handcuffs were secured together. Deputy Cariaga did not know who handcuffed the suspect's right wrist. Approximately

five to ten seconds after being handcuffed, Suspect Lopez regained consciousness and started to kick and scream. In order to control the suspect's legs, Deputy Cariaga applied a RIPP Hobble restraint around his ankles. After being handcuffed and hobbled, Suspect Lopez continued to yell and resist, by kicking his legs and jerking his body from side to side. Deputy Cariaga and Deputy Valencia utilized the Total Appendage Restraint Procedure (TARP) in order to gain control of the suspect. After the TARP was applied, personnel moved the suspect into an adjacent corridor. The area was large, and allowed easy access for paramedics to treat the suspect. They placed Suspect Lopez into a recovery position on his left side, and monitored his breathing and circulation until the paramedics arrived. When the paramedics arrived on scene, Deputy Cariaga noticed Suspect Lopez was bleeding from his mouth. Deputy Cariaga advised paramedics the Taser was used and Suspect Lopez had been placed in a carotid restraint, and rendered unconscious for approximately five seconds. Suspect Lopez was transported to the hospital for further treatment and examination. Deputy Cariaga reported his use of force and the force he witnessed to Sergeant Lopez **[Pages 11-13, of Deputy Cariaga's transcribed interview]**.

**IAB Note: Deputy Sean Cariaga was read the Video Admonishment prior to reviewing the video footage.**

**Involved Employee Deputy Joseph Valencia**

On March 6, 2020, at 1309 hours, Internal Affairs Bureau investigators conducted an interview with Deputy Joseph Valencia, along with his attorney Elizabeth Gibbons.

On September 20, 2019, Deputy Valencia said, he was outside of the Industry Station Jail when he heard Custody Assistant Witt request back-up in the jail over the intercom system. Deputy Valencia responded to the jail, and contacted Custody Assistant Witt. Custody Assistant Witt said there was an inmate acting irate in his cell, and Sergeant Lopez was trying to talk to him. Deputy Valencia walked over to the cell and saw Sergeant Lopez talking to Suspect Lopez, who was cursing loudly in Spanish. Deputy Valencia spoke a little bit of Spanish, but he could tell Suspect Lopez was angry by his tone and body language. Suspect Lopez thrashed his body around, cursed and screamed. The suspect had a towel wrapped around his hand as if he was ready to fight.

Deputies Gunawan, Cariaga, Ortiz, Davanzo, and Detective Mendoza responded to the jail. Deputy Valencia said two other inmates were inside the cell with Suspect Lopez. The inmates were on their bunks with sheets and blankets covering their body and face. The inmates inside the cell told Suspect Lopez to calm down in both English and Spanish, but Suspect Lopez ignored them. The suspect turned his attention toward Witness [redacted] and attacked him. Suspect Lopez hit, kicked, and screamed at Witness [redacted] **[Pages 4-7, of Deputy Valencia's transcribed interview]**.

Deputy Valencia ordered Suspect Lopez to stop fighting, but he did not comply. Deputy Valencia could not recall if anyone else gave Suspect Lopez any commands. Deputy

Valencia said Sergeant Lopez stepped away to request medical assistance moments before the attack occurred. Deputy Valencia heard Deputy Cariaga say he needed the cell gate opened so he could employ the Taser to stop the attack. Deputy Valencia said he was concerned for the inmates inside the cell and felt he needed to do something to stop the fight. Witness [redacted] tried to defend himself by holding his blanket up to block Suspect Lopez' assault **[Pages 7-8, of Deputy Valencia's transcribed interview]**.

When Deputy Ortiz opened the cell gate, Suspect Lopez was faced in the opposite direction. Deputy Cariaga yelled, "Taser, Taser, Taser!" and fired his Taser at Suspect Lopez. As the Taser was fired, Suspect Lopez turned toward them. Deputy Valencia did not know if the Taser darts struck Suspect Lopez, or if they were deflected away by his movement because it did not have an effect on him. Suspect Lopez leaned forward, put his head down and ran out of the cell. Suspect Lopez pushed past Deputy Valencia and Deputy Cariaga. Deputy Valencia was in fear Suspect Lopez would try to attack him and his partners. He attempted to block Suspect Lopez, but was not able to stop him **[Pages 8-9, of Deputy Valencia's transcribed interview]**.

Deputy Valencia said the corridor Suspect Lopez was in was very small, and he forcefully ran into the deputies that were standing near the exit. The suspect's momentum caused him to fall to the floor. While on the floor, Suspect Lopez kicked, screamed, and swung his hands wildly at the deputies as they attempted to control of him. Detective Mendoza sprayed Suspect Lopez in the face with a three second burst of his OC spray. The OC spray did not have an effect on Suspect Lopez. The suspect continued to kick and scream as he tried to stand up. The OC spray did, however, affect Deputy Valencia and the other deputies. Deputy Valencia said he felt a burning sensation, and recalled Deputy Cariaga asked the person who employed the OC spray to stop **[Pages 10-12, of Deputy Valencia's transcribed interview]**.

After being OC sprayed, Suspect Lopez was able to stand up on his feet in spite of the deputies' efforts to control him. Suspect Lopez continued to fight to get to the exit door. Deputy Valencia assessed the situation, and took into account the ineffective use of the Taser and OC spray, coupled with Suspect Lopez' assaultive behavior. Deputy Valencia opted to utilize the carotid restraint technique. Before he applied the carotid restraint, he told his partners his plan of action. Deputy Valencia never used the carotid restraint technique in the course of his duties; however, he had been trained on the technique during the academy.

Deputy Valencia stood directly behind Suspect Lopez, whose back was toward him. He placed his left arm around Suspect Lopez' left shoulder, in a left to right motion across the suspect's chest, and secured it with his right arm. Deputy Valencia applied pressure to the suspect's carotid arteries with his left arm. Deputy Valencia applied the restraint for approximately five to ten seconds until Suspect Lopez' body become limp. As soon as Suspect Lopez was unconscious, Deputy Valencia guided Suspect Lopez to the floor and placed him on his stomach. Deputy Valencia told his partners that Suspect Lopez was unconscious. Suspect Lopez was unconscious for approximately five to ten

seconds, which allowed the deputies' time to handcuff the suspect. Deputy Valencia helped to handcuff the suspect's right wrist. He was not certain which deputies handcuffed the suspect; however, according to his report **[EXHIBIT B]**, Detective Mendoza applied a handcuff to Suspect Lopez' left wrist, and both handcuffs were locked together **[Pages 12-16, of Deputy Valencia's transcribed interview]**.

Once Suspect Lopez was handcuffed, he regained consciousness and began to thrash his body around on the floor. Deputy Valencia said Suspect Lopez flagrantly kicked his legs at him and the other deputies. Deputy Valencia said he was positioned near the suspect's legs. Deputy Cariaga requested a RIPP Hobble, and an unknown deputy provided one. Deputy Cariaga applied the RIPP Hobble around the suspect's ankles. After the RIPP Hobble was applied, Suspect Lopez continued to resist. Deputies Valencia and Cariaga placed the TARP on Suspect Lopez. After the TARP was applied, they were able to move Suspect Lopez to a large corridor, which allowed easy access for the Los Angeles County Fire Department Paramedics **[Pages 16-17, of Deputy Valencia's transcribed interview]**.

The Los Angeles County Fire Department Paramedics arrived at the jail and treated Suspect Lopez, who was still irate. He screamed, cursed in Spanish, and spat at the paramedics and deputies. Deputy Valencia said saw Suspect Lopez spat toward Deputy Gunawan, but did not see where the saliva impacted. Suspect Lopez was transported to the hospital for further treatment and examination.

**<u>Involved Employee Deputy Geoffrey Gunawan</u>**

On February 26, 2020, at 1123 hours, Internal Affairs Bureau investigators conducted an interview with Deputy Geoffrey Gunawan.

On September 20, 2019, Deputy Gunawan was at Industry Station when he heard Custody Assistant Witt requested deputies to respond to the jail regarding an uncooperative inmate. The request was made over the station intercom system. Deputy Gunawan responded to the jail and heard someone screaming. He walked over to Row D, cell #2, and saw Suspect Lopez was angry as he paced around inside of his cell. The suspect was sweating profusely, had rapid speech, rambling incoherently, and appeared to be under the influence of a narcotic. Sergeant Lopez stood in front of the cell gate as he talked to Suspect Lopez in an attempt to calm him down. Deputy Cariaga, and Detective Mendoza responded to the jail and stood next to Suspect Lopez' cell. Deputy Gunawan said he and other deputies tried to calm Suspect Lopez down, but Suspect Lopez was agitated. Suspect Lopez spoke in English and Spanish. Deputy Gunawan said he is not a fluent Spanish speaker, but he understood some of the words Suspect Lopez said. Suspect Lopez said he needed help, food, and water **[Pages 4-5, of Deputy Gunawan's transcribed interview]**.

Deputy Gunawan said, Sergeant Lopez handed him a video camera to record the suspect's behavior. There were two other inmates inside the cell with Suspect Lopez. After they tried for four to five minutes to calm Suspect Lopez down, Suspect Lopez

locked eyes with Inmate Witness [redacted]. Witness [redacted] was lying on his bunk inside the cell when Suspect Lopez started to swing a towel at him. Deputy Gunawan and other deputies told Suspect Lopez to calm down. Suspect Lopez did not comply, and started flailing his hands at Witness [redacted] striking him repeatedly. Witness [redacted] put his hands up to defend himself. He kicked his feet toward Suspect Lopez in order to push him away, and to prevent being struck **[Pages 4-5, of Deputy Gunawan's transcribed interview]**.

After Suspect Lopez attacked Witness [redacted] they opened the cell gate, and ordered him to stop. Deputy Cariaga yelled, "Taser, Taser!" and fired at Suspect Lopez. Deputy Gunawan saw and heard the Taser when it was employed at Suspect Lopez; however, it did not seem to have an effect on him. Suspect Lopez immediately ran out of the cell. Deputy Gunawan video recorded Suspect Lopez run out of the cell. Deputy Gunawan said there was another deputy standing in front of him, when Suspect Lopez ran through the gate. Deputy Gunawan said he "side-stepped" in order to get out of the way. He said the area Suspect Lopez ran into was a narrow space. Suspect Lopez became "entangled" with the deputies who stood inside the corridor. Suspect Lopez and the deputies tripped over each other, and ended up on the floor. Deputies Cariaga, Valencia, and Detective Mendoza tried to stop Suspect Lopez from exiting the corridor. The deputies gave him commands to stop fighting and to give them his hands, but Suspect Lopez did not comply **[Pages 5-7, of Deputy Gunawan's transcribed interview]**.

Deputy Gunawan said the deputies struggled with Suspect Lopez, but they were not able to gain control of him. Detective Mendoza sprayed Suspect Lopez' face and head with OC spray, but it appeared to have no effect. Suspect Lopez continued to struggle with the deputies, and refused to place his hands behind his back. Despite the deputies' efforts, Suspect Lopez was able to overcome their actions and stood up to his feet. Once Suspect Lopez stood up, Deputy Valencia applied the carotid restraint and rendered Suspect Lopez unconscious. He was then guided to the floor and quickly handcuffed. Suspect Lopez was unconscious for approximately five seconds. When Suspect Lopez regained consciousness, he continued to violently thrash his legs. The suspect spat, and cursed at the deputies in English and Spanish. Deputy Gunawan passed the video camera to Custody Assistant Witt in order to assist the deputies. Deputy Gunawan and the other deputies rolled Suspect Lopez onto his side, but he continued to kick and thrash his body. Deputy Gunawan assisted to control Suspect Lopez' legs, because he tried to kick them. He held Suspect Lopez' left leg with his hands, while Deputies Cariaga, Valencia, and Detective Mendoza hobbled and applied the TARP on Suspect Lopez **[Pages 7-10, of Deputy Gunawan's transcribed interview]**.

Once the TARP was applied on Suspect Lopez, he was placed into a recovery position on his left side. While Deputy Gunawan waited for the paramedics to arrive, Suspect Lopez was angry and spat at deputy personnel. When the paramedics arrived, Suspect Lopez started to spit at them. Deputy Gunawan gave Suspect Lopez orders to stop spitting, but he did not comply. Suspect Lopez spat a mixture of saliva and blood onto

Deputy Gunawan's pant leg, near his thigh. The paramedics sedated Suspect Lopez and transported him to the hospital for further treatment and examination. Deputy Gunawan reported his use of force and the force he witnessed to Sergeant Shackelford and Sergeant Lopez **[Pages 10-11, of Deputy Gunawan's transcribed interview]**.

**Involved Employee Detective Joseph Mendoza**

On February 26, 2020, at 1035 hours, Internal Affairs Bureau investigators interviewed Detective Joseph Mendoza

On September 20, 2019, Detective Mendoza heard a call over the Public Address (PA) system, requesting deputies to respond to the jail regarding an uncooperative inmate. Detective Mendoza responded to the jail, and saw a large group of deputies standing outside of a cell. The cell door was closed, and Sergeant Lopez was in front of it. Someone was video recording Suspect Lopez as she spoke in Spanish. Detective Mendoza does not speak Spanish and did not understand what Suspect Lopez was saying. The deputies tried to convince Suspect Lopez to calm down. Detective Mendoza said he was familiar with Suspect Lopez, because he arrested him the previous day. Suspect Lopez was arrested for burglary, and for being under the influence of a controlled substance (stimulant) **[Pages 4-5, of Detective Mendoza's transcribed interview]**.

Detective Mendoza said Sergeant Lopez walked away to contact the paramedics, due to Suspect Lopez' bizarre behavior. A few minutes later, he heard Deputy Cariaga say, "Hey, stop hitting him, stop hitting him!" Deputy Cariaga said the inmates were fighting. Detective Mendoza looked inside the cell and saw Suspect Lopez hitting another inmate who was on the bottom bunk bed. The inmate, later identified as Witness [redacted] leaned back with his feet and hands up in a defensive position to stop Suspect Lopez from striking him. In addition to Deputy Cariaga, Deputies Gunawan, Davanzo, and Ortiz were also present. Deputy Cariaga warned Suspect Lopez he would use the Taser if he did not stop hitting Inmate Witness [redacted]. The suspect did not comply. Deputies opened the cell door and he (Deputy Mendoza) heard Deputy Cariaga yell, "Taser, Taser, Taser!" Deputy Mendoza saw Deputy Cariaga fire the Taser. Detective Mendoza could not see what took place inside the cell after the Taser was fired, but he saw Suspect Lopez run out of the cell. Detective Mendoza noticed blood on Suspect Lopez' lip. The deputies had not contacted Suspect Lopez up until that point, and he was unclear on how the injury occurred. Suspect Lopez ran out of the cell into a "wall of deputies" and somehow ended up on the floor **[Pages 5-6, of Detective Mendoza's transcribed interview]**.

Suspect Lopez ran into a confined space. Detective Mendoza said there were several deputies packed inside of the small space, and he was not able to reach Suspect Lopez. Detective Mendoza thought Suspect Lopez tried to escape, but knew it would be unlikely due to the number of the deputies in the room. When Suspect Lopez was on the floor, he yelled, fought, and swung his arms at the deputies. Detective Mendoza said they were all "on top of each other" trying to control Suspect Lopez. He gave him

commands to stop fighting, and to place his hands behind his back, but Suspect Lopez did not comply. Detective Mendoza recalled one of the Taser prongs arcing, but it did not appear to be making contact, most likely because Suspect Lopez' shirt was balled up. Suspect Lopez was sweaty, which made him slippery when Detective Mendoza tried to grab his arm. Detective Mendoza said he decided to use his OC spray in order to gain control. He sprayed Suspect Lopez with a two to three second burst. After he employed the OC spray, Deputy Mendoza wished he had not done so. The OC spray seemed to make Suspect Lopez more irate, and it affected Detective Mendoza and the other deputies. Once Suspect Lopez was sprayed, he turned onto his stomach and was able to stand to his feet. The suspect overpowered Detective Mendoza and all of the other deputies. When Suspect Lopez stood up, Detective Mendoza said, either "Choke him out" or "Put him to sleep," because they were losing the fight. Deputy Valencia applied a carotid restraint hold on Suspect Lopez. Once the restraint was applied, Suspect Lopez' body became limp. Detective Mendoza quickly grabbed Suspect Lopez' right arm and handcuffed his right wrist **[Pages 6-9, of Detective Mendoza's transcribed interview]**.

Once Suspect Lopez regained consciousness, he hands were handcuffed behind his back. Detective Mendoza did not remember who helped handcuff the suspect. Suspect Lopez started to kick, moved his body around, as he tried to get up. Detective Mendoza placed his right knee on the suspect's lower back and his left knee near his shoulder blade. Deputy Mendoza held on to the door handle for leverage as Suspect Lopez moved his body and lifted him (Detective Mendoza) off the ground.

During his interview, Detective Mendoza was admonished and given the opportunity to view the video footage of this use of force incident. After reviewing the footage, it refreshed his recollection on where he had actually placed his left knee. Detective Mendoza said he initially placed his left knee on Suspect Lopez' shoulder blade; however, due to his combative behavior and the confined space they were in, his left knee slid onto Suspect Lopez' neck. Detective Mendoza said the position of his left knee was not intentional **[Pages 10-12, of Detective Mendoza's transcribed interview]**.

**IAB Note: Detective Mendoza was read the Video Admonishment prior to reviewing the video footage.**

Detective Mendoza said Suspect Lopez was hobbled, but he could not remember who applied the TARP. After Suspect Lopez was secured, Detective Mendoza and another deputy slide the suspect into another area that would allow easy access for the paramedics. Detective Mendoza held the suspect's bicep near his armpit in order to move him. When the paramedics arrived, Suspect Lopez continued his erratic and combative behavior. He spat at the paramedics with blood from his mouth. Detective Mendoza lifted the suspect by his right arm and placed him onto a gurney. He did not remember who assisted him. The paramedics treated Suspect Lopez, then transported him to the hospital.

**Involved Employee Deputy Ivan Davanzo**

On March 6, 2020, at 1426 hours, Internal Affairs Bureau investigators conducted an interview with Deputy Ivan Davanzo, along with his attorney Elizabeth Gibbons.

On September 20, 2019, Deputy Davanzo was inside the report writing room at Industry Station when he heard Custody Assistant Witt make a non-emergent backup request over the PA system. He asked deputies to respond to the jail. Deputy Davanzo responded to the jail, with Deputies Cariaga, Valencia, Gunawan, and Detective Mendoza. Custody Assistant Witt told them there was an inmate inside the jail screaming, yelling, and acting unruly. Deputy Davanzo and other deputies walked to the suspect's cell. Sergeant Lopez was there, but stepped off of the row after they arrived. Deputy Davanzo could not see inside of the cell, because he was standing further back. He heard Suspect Lopez yell obscenities and said things in Spanish. Deputy Davanzo spoke Spanish, and heard Suspect Lopez say, "They were trying to kill me. I need to get out of here" **[Pages 4-6, of Deputy Davanzo's transcribed interview]**.

Deputy Davanzo and the other deputies were standing outside the cell for two to five minutes, when he heard Deputy Cariaga say Suspect Lopez was attacking another inmate inside of the cell. Someone, possibly Deputy Ortiz, ran over to the cell with the keys. Deputy Cariaga announced he was going use the TASER on Suspect Lopez. The cell gate was opened, and Deputy Cariaga employed the TASER on Suspect Lopez. He heard a "pop" from the Taser and saw Suspect Lopez run out of the cell. That was the first time Deputy Davanzo actually saw Suspect Lopez. He was not certain if the Taser was effective, because Suspect Lopez immediately charged out. Deputy Davanzo believed Suspect Lopez was under the influence of a controlled substance. The suspect ran into was a very small confined space, and tried to run past the deputies to exit the row **[Pages 6-9, of Deputy Davanzo's transcribed interview]**.

Deputy Davanzo said the deputies tried to handcuff Suspect Lopez, then saw the suspect fall to the floor. He could not assist because there were too many deputies inside of the confined area. Suspect Lopez flagrantly moved his body and resisted the deputies. While on the ground, Detective Mendoza OC sprayed Suspect Lopez. The OC spray affected the deputies within the small space. The OC spray seemed to have little to no effect on Suspect Lopez. The deputies were not able to handcuff Suspect Lopez, and the suspect was able to stand up. Once Suspect Lopez stood up, he tried to attack the deputies. Deputy Valencia was able to get behind Suspect Lopez and placed him in a carotid restraint. Suspect Lopez was rendered unconscious and was placed on the floor. He was unconscious for approximately five to ten seconds.

Detective Mendoza and Deputy Cariaga were then able to handcuff Suspect Lopez. When Suspect Lopez regained consciousness, he immediately began to kick his legs. Deputy Davanzo grabbed both of the suspect's legs with his hands, and tried to gain control. Suspect Lopez continued to kick his legs and yelled obscenities. Deputy Cariaga placed a RIPP Hobble restraint around the suspect's legs. Suspect Lopez

continued to resist, and Deputy Valencia placed Suspect Lopez in a Total Appendage Restraint Procedure (TARP). After the TARP was applied to Suspect Lopez, he was placed on his side and they monitored his breathing. The deputies moved Suspect Lopez off the row and into a large area that would allow easy access for the paramedics **[Pages 10-12, of Deputy Davanzo's transcribed interview]**.

When the paramedics arrived, Suspect Lopez was continued to yell obscenities, moved his head, and spat blood. He spat blood and saliva at the paramedics and deputies. He was then transported to the hospital for further treatment and examination. Deputy Davanzo said he reported his use of force and the force he witnessed to Sergeant Lopez **[Pages 10-13, of Deputy Davanzo's transcribed interview]**.

**<u>Involved Employee Deputy Jacqueline Ortiz</u>**

On February 26, 2020, at 1157 hours, Internal Affairs Bureau investigators interviewed Deputy Jacqueline Ortiz.

On September 20, 2019, Deputy Ortiz was in the report writing room at Industry Station, when she heard Custody Assistant Witt request Deputies to respond to the jail over the intercom. Deputy Ortiz said she responded to the jail, with Deputies Cariaga, Valencia, and Detective Mendoza. When she walked into the jail, Custody Assistant Witt gave her the jail keys. She heard Deputy Cariaga say Suspect Lopez was fighting with, or attempting to fight, other inmates inside the cell. She also heard the deputies give Suspect Lopez commands to "Stay away, separate and stop fighting!" Deputy Cariaga asked someone to open the cell door. Deputy Ortiz said she unlocked the cell door. Before she unlocked the door, she saw Suspect Lopez lean toward the other inmates inside the cell in an aggressive manner. Suspect Lopez did not comply with their commands, so they decided to use the Taser to stop the fight. Deputy Ortiz saw Deputy Cariaga had employed the Taser at Suspect Lopez. The Taser did not seem to have an effect on Suspect Lopez. The suspect immediately charged toward the door and ran toward the deputies in an aggressive manner. Deputy Ortiz believed Suspect Lopez was going to attack the deputies **[Pages 4-6, of Deputy Ortiz' transcribed interview]**.

Deputy Ortiz said when Suspect Lopez ran out of the cell, she was not able to stop him due to her position inside the jail. There were deputies in the doorway that obstructed her access and view. She did not know how Suspect Lopez ended up on the floor, because she moved out of the corridor to get out of the deputies' way. When she was able to get back into the corridor, she saw Detective Mendoza struggling with Suspect Lopez. She assisted Detective Mendoza with handcuffing the suspect's left wrist. She grabbed Suspect Lopez' left hand and secured the handcuff on his wrist **[Pages 6-8, of Deputy Ortiz' transcribed interview]**.

**IAB Note: Deputy Ortiz believed she handcuffed the Suspect Lopez' left wrist; however, it was likely the right wrist in according to Deputy Cariaga and Detective Mendoza's statements. The video footage did not capture who handcuffed the suspect.**

Deputy Ortiz did not see Suspect Lopez get OC sprayed, or when he was placed in a carotid restraint; however, she did smell OC spray. She could not remember the commands that were given to the suspect or what was said during the incident. After she assisted in handcuffing Suspect Lopez, she walked out of the jail hallway to await the fire department's arrival to escort them inside of the jail. Deputy Ortiz did not see Suspect Lopez again until he was transported to the hospital by the paramedics.

## WITNESS STATEMENTS

*The following narratives are intended only as a synopsis of the interviews. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digitally audio recorded interviews and verbatim transcriptions.*

### Employee Witness Custody Assistant Scott Witt

On February 26, 2020, at 1234 hours, Internal Affairs Bureau investigators conducted an interview with Custody Assistant Scott Witt.

On September 20, 2019, Custody Assistant Witt said he was the PM shift jailer at Industry Station. He heard someone screaming from the back area of the station jail. He walked to Row D to investigate. He saw Suspect Lopez standing and sweating profusely inside cell #2. He yelled and screamed "at the top of his lungs" for someone to open the cell gate to let him out. The suspect said he was having problems with his heart. Custody Assistant Witt said Suspect Lopez spoke in English **[Page 3 of Custody Assistant Scott Witt's transcribed interview]**.

Custody Assistant Witt did not believe Suspect Lopez was having a medical emergency. He had seen many people have medical emergencies involving heart related issues, and they had not displayed the same behavior as Suspect Lopez. He believed Suspect Lopez displayed the signs and symptoms of a person under the influence of narcotics. Suspect Lopez' eyes were dilated, he was sweating profusely, and he had rapid speech **[Page 4, of Custody Assistant Witt's transcribed interview]**.

**IAB Note: Custody Assistant Witt had worked at Industry Station since 1997. He had come into contact with inmates who were under the influence of drugs or alcohol on a regular basis [Page 3 of Custody Assistant Scott Witt's transcribed interview]**.

Custody Assistant Witt said there were two other inmates inside the cell with Suspect Lopez. The other inmates were relaxing and lying on their bunks. Custody Assistant Witt stood at the cell gate and tried to talk to Suspect Lopez, but he kept demanding to open the cell gate and to feel his heart. He asked Suspect Lopez to calm down so he could get him the medical help. Suspect Lopez continued to yell and scream. As Custody Assistant Witt walked away from the cell, he saw Sergeant Lopez conducting a security check inside the jail. He told Sergeant Lopez about the incident, and asked him

to monitor Suspect Lopez while he requested backup. Custody Assistant Witt walked to his desk, and used the PA system to request deputies to respond to the jail. Custody Assistant Witt did not request the Los Angeles County Fire Department Paramedics at that time. He wanted to relocate the other inmates inside the cell with Suspect Lopez. He wanted the scene to be safe before the paramedics arrived **[Pages 4-5, of Custody Assistant Witt's transcribed interview]**.

Custody Assistant Witt said Deputies Cariaga, Valencia, Gunawan, Ortiz, and Detective Mendoza immediately responded to the jail to assist. He told them Suspect Lopez was very agitated, was probably under the influence of drugs, and claimed to be having a heart problem. He told the deputies he wanted to remove two inmates from cell #2, in order to secure the area for the paramedics. They all walked over to cell #2, and saw Sergeant Lopez talking to Suspect Lopez. Custody Assistant Witt told Sergeant Lopez he would summon the fire department now that the deputies were present. The deputies tried to talk to Suspect Lopez and calm him down. As he (Custody Assistant Witt) walked away from the area, he heard Deputy Cariaga say, "He's attacking the inmates, open the gate." Custody Assistant Witt remembered he gave his jail keys to a deputy, but could not remember who. He did not see when the gate opened, but he walked back in time and saw Deputy Cariaga fire the Taser inside the cell **[Pages 5-8, of Custody Assistant Witt's transcribed interview]**.

Custody Assistant Witt could not see inside of the cell from where he was standing, but he saw Suspect Lopez run out of the cell. He was not certain how Suspect Lopez ended up on the floor, but remembered the suspect yelled, screamed, and tried to crawl past him. Suspect Lopez tried to get away from the deputies, but he and Deputy Davanzo, used their bodies to block the doorway. He remembered someone used OC spray, and recalled feeling the effects of the chemical agent. Custody Assistant Witt said someone told him a carotid restraint had been applied on Suspect Lopez, but he did not see when it was applied. He had no knowledge Suspect Lopez had been rendered unconscious.

Custody Assistant Witt said a deputy handed him the video camera to record the incident. Once he was handed the video camera, he concentrated on holding the camera straight and watched the incident through the viewfinder. He did not pay attention to what specifically took place, but recalled the deputies tried to handcuff Suspect Lopez. He said he videotaped Suspect Lopez being handcuffed. After being handcuffed, Suspect Lopez was very agitated, and had not calmed down. He was sweating profusely and screamed to be let out of the jail. Custody Assistant Witt could not recall if Suspect Lopez had been hobbled. He did not finish recording the entire incident, because he had to meet the paramedics in front of the jail and complete his paperwork. He gave the video camera to someone, but did not recall who, nor at which point he relinquished the camera **[Pages 9-13, of Custody Assistant Witt's transcribed interview]**.

During the interview, Custody Assistant Witt was given the opportunity to view the video footage of this incident. He was read the Video Admonishment form prior to reviewing

the video footage. He had not seen the footage, prior to this interview. After reviewing the footage, he realized he started recording the incident when Suspect Lopez had already been handcuffed, and not when they were being applied. Additionally, he saw Suspect Lopez had been hobbled, but he was unclear if the TARP was applied. Custody Assistant Witt also realized he was recording the incident when the paramedics arrived to treat Suspect Lopez. He had not walked away to the front of the jail to meet the paramedic as he initially stated **[Pages 13-15, of Custody Assistant Witt's transcribed interview]**.

**IAB Note: Custody Assistant Witt was read the Video Admonishment prior to viewing the video footage of this incident.**

**<u>Employee Witness Sergeant Eduardo Lopez</u>**

On March 31, 2020, at 1213 hours, Internal Affairs Bureau investigators conducted an interview with Sergeant Eduardo Lopez.

On September 20, 2019, Sergeant Lopez was conducting a check of the Industry Station Jail, when he heard yelling coming from Row D. Custody Assistant Witt told him Suspect Lopez was possibly having a mental health issue, and he may be in need of medical attention. Sergeant Lopez directed Custody Assistant Witt to summon deputies to the jail. Sergeant Lopez walked over to Row D to talk to Suspect Lopez. When he arrived, Suspect Lopez was pacing around the cell, waving his hands around and yelling incoherently. He spoke in English saying his chest and his heart were hurting. He also said he wanted the paramedics, his mother and he needed help **[Pages 3-4, of Sergeant Lopez' transcribed interview]**.

Sergeant Lopez said Suspect Lopez repeatedly rushed up to the cell bars angrily, then would back away. He appeared to have red marks on his face, possibly dried blood. He tried for several minutes to calm Suspect Lopez down by speaking to him in both English and Spanish. It appeared to work at times, but Suspect Lopez quickly become agitated again. Sergeant Lopez described the suspect's demeanor as aggressive. There were two other inmates inside the cell with Suspect Lopez, who were lying on their bunks. When the deputies arrived, an unknown deputy asked for a video camera, but he did not remember whom. Sergeant Lopez possessed a video recorder, and gave it to the deputy to record the suspect's behavior **[Pages 4-5, of Sergeant Lopez' transcribed interview]**.

Sergeant Lopez said deputies Gunawan, Cariaga, Valencia, Davanzo, and Detective Mendoza responded to the jail. They discussed how to separate Suspect Lopez from the other two inmates inside of the cell and to ensure the area was secured when the paramedics arrived. While the deputies formulated a plan, Sergeant Lopez walked over to the jail office to confirm Custody Assistant Witt called the paramedics. He also wanted to advise the watch sergeant and watch commander of what was going on with Suspect Lopez. He told the deputy to continue recording, while he stepped away. Sergeant Lopez did not delegate the duties of notifying the watch commander and

watch sergeant to someone else, because Suspect Lopez was not acting aggressive toward anyone at that time. He felt it would be okay to shortly step away, because there was no exigency to enter the cell at that moment. He added, absent a good plan, there was no reason to go inside the cell **[Pages 4-7, of Sergeant Lopez' transcribed interview]**.

Sergeant Lopez notified Sergeant Shackelford in person at the jail entry door. As soon as he made the notification, Sergeant Lopez walked back to Row D. Right before he arrived back at the cell, he could smell OC spray. He heard what he described as "tussling" and heard the deputies say, "Hey, hey, calm down, relax, relax." When he arrived, Suspect Lopez was no longer inside the cell. The suspect and the deputies were in an adjacent sally port area, which led to a larger common area of the jail **[Pages 7-8, of Sergeant Lopez' transcribed interview].**

Sergeant Lopez saw Deputies Cariaga and Valencia, and several other deputies holding on to Suspect Lopez on the floor. He noticed Suspect Lopez had a Taser wire coming from his person, and the deputies were trying to hold him down. He noticed the cell door was open. He tried to figure out what happened in his absence, and wondered where the other two inmates were. He ordered a deputy to close the cell door. He believed the inmates were inside the unsecured cell, which they were. He noticed a deputy was still video recording the incident **[Page 8, of Sergeant Lopez' transcribed interview].**

Sergeant Lopez saw Suspect Lopez begin to stand up, and it appeared as though the deputies were, "losing the fight." He heard someone say, "carotid," but he did not know who made the comment. He saw Deputy Valencia swing his arm around Suspect Lopez' neck and applied the carotid restraint technique. Once the restraint was applied, it took a few seconds before Suspect Lopez' body became limp, and he was rendered unconscious. Deputy Valencia placed Suspect Lopez onto the floor. Sergeant Lopez said he ordered the deputies to handcuff Suspect Lopez. After a few seconds, Suspect Lopez was handcuffed, and he regained consciousness. When Suspect Lopez awoke, he began to struggle with the deputies. When the suspect kicked his feet at the deputies, Sergeant Lopez ordered the deputies to apply the RIPP hobble. Once he was hobbled, the suspect continued to resist. Sergeant Lopez ordered the deputies to apply the TARP. Once the TARP was applied, the deputies moved Suspect Lopez into a large area on his left side and monitored his breathing **[Pages 8-9, of Sergeant Lopez' transcribed interview].**

Approximately two to three minutes later, the paramedics arrived on scene to treat Suspect Lopez, who was still being resistive. He yelled, tried to break free, moved around and spat. Sergeant Lopez did not remember if Suspect Lopez spat on anyone. Deputies Corum and Wilson transported Suspect Lopez to the hospital. The incident was debriefed, and the involved deputies reported their uses of force to him, and documented their actions and observations **[Page 9-10, of Sergeant Lopez' transcribed interview].**

## Employee Witness Deputy Thomas Wilson

On February 20, 2020, at 0902 hours, Internal Affairs Bureau investigators conducted an interview with Deputy Thomas Wilson, along with his attorney, Amy Johnson.

On September 20, 2019, Deputy Wilson was sitting inside his radio car, in the Industry Station parking lot, when he heard a back-up request inside the station jail. He heard the request over L-TAC. He drove his radio car around to the jail entrance. When he arrived inside the jail, he saw Sergeant Lopez standing in front of Row D. He heard one of the deputies ask for a hobble. The hallway was very confined, and he could not see inside the area where the deputies were located. He retrieved his RIPP hobble and reached into the room. Someone who was standing inside the room took the RIPP hobble from his hand. He does not know who took the hobble from him. He could not see, but he heard Suspect Lopez yelling and screaming **[Pages 3-4, of Deputy Wilson's transcribed interview]**.

**IAB Note: L-TAC stands for Local Tactical Channels. It is used for tactical communication/coordination within a localized area.**

Deputy Wilson said the first time he saw Suspect Lopez, was when he moved off of Row D. Suspect Lopez was screaming in Spanish, his legs were hobbled and he was lying on the floor in a recovery position. Deputy Wilson does not speak Spanish, so he could not understand Suspect Lopez. He did not know if Suspect Lopez had the Taser fired at him or if the TARP was applied. He said Suspect Lopez was spitting, possibly from the exposure to the OC spray **[Pages 4-5, of Deputy Wilson's transcribed interview]**.

Deputy Wilson did not know what occurred inside the jail, and he did not witness the use of force. When the paramedics arrived, he and Deputy Brandon Corum assisted and placed Suspect Lopez onto a gurney. He did not remember who else assisted them. He said Suspect Lopez had stopped fighting and was no longer resistive. Suspect Lopez was treated by the paramedics and needed to be transported to the hospital by deputies. Deputy Wilson volunteered to ride inside the ambulance with Suspect Lopez, while Deputy Corum followed behind the ambulance in his radio car. Suspect Lopez was transported to Queen of the Valley Medical Center. Once they arrived at the hospital, Deputy Wilson told the medical staff that Suspect Lopez was involved in a use of force with deputy personnel. He was instructed by Lieutenant Garcia to tell the medical staff Suspect Lopez had been placed into a carotid restraint, and rendered unconscious. **[Pages 6-7, Deputy Wilson's transcribed interview]**.

## Employee Witness Deputy Brandon Corum

On February 20, 2020, at 1208 hours, Internal Affairs Bureau investigators conducted an interview with Deputy Brandon Corum, along with his attorney, Amy Johnson.

On September 20, 2019, Deputy Corum was on a call for service, when he heard

Custody Assistant Witt, over L-TAC, request back-up inside of the station jail. Custody Assistant Witt did not have his usual calm tone, but he sounded panicked. Deputy Corum made his way to the jail, but he heard no further assistance was needed. He was concerned and decided to make sure everything was okay inside of the jail **[Page 3, of Deputy Corum's transcribed interview].**

When Deputy Corum arrived at the jail, he saw Deputy Thomas Wilson. He also saw Suspect Lopez lying on the floor inside a staging area, with deputies holding him down. Suspect Lopez was not resisting the deputies and appeared to be fatigued and exhausted. The suspect was saying bizarre things in Spanish, and was sweating profusely. Deputy Corum did not notice if Suspect Lopez had been shot with the Taser, or if he had been hobbled. He did recall someone say Suspect Lopez had tried to spit on them **[Pages 3-4, of Deputy Corum's transcribed interview]**.

A sergeant ordered him and Deputy Wilson to relieve the deputies who were involved in the use of force incident to transport Suspect Lopez to the hospital. When the paramedics arrived, he, Deputy Wilson and members of the Los Angeles County Fire Department, lifted Suspect Lopez onto a gurney. Deputy Corum remembered he lifted the suspect by his ankles or feet. Suspect Lopez did not resist them. Once Suspect Lopez was secured on the gurney, he ran to his radio car, and prepared to follow the ambulance. Suspect Lopez was transported to Queen of the Valley Medical Center. Deputy Corum did not know the details of what had occurred during the use of force incident, and he could not remember what information was provided to the medical staff when they arrived at the hospital **[Pages 4-7, of Deputy Corum's transcribed interview]**.

## NON-DEPARTMENT WITNESS INTERVIEWS

### Inmate Witness [redacted]

On September 21, 2019, at 0359 hours, Internal Affairs Bureau investigators conducted an interview with Inmate Witness [redacted] at the Industry Station jail.

Witness [redacted] provided limited information about the incident. While he was inside a cell with Suspect Lopez and one other inmate, the suspect started to scream and yell. Five or six deputies arrived at his cell gate and asked Suspect Lopez what was wrong. Suspect Lopez told them his heart was hurting. The deputies took the suspect out of the cell. He did not have an encounter with Suspect Lopez prior to the deputies arrival **[Pages 1-4, of Inmate Witness [redacted] transcribed interview]**.

### Inmate Witness [redacted]

On September 21, 2019, at 0324 hours, Internal Affairs Bureau investigators conducted an interview with Inmate Witness [redacted]

Witness [redacted] was a Spanish speaker, and the interview was translated by Industry Station Sergeant Caracheo #[redacted]. During his interview, Witness [redacted] said he was inside a cell with two other inmates. He said earlier in the day, Suspect Lopez tried to call his family on the phone, but was not able to reach them. This made Suspect Lopez upset and he began to complain his heart was hurting. He walked to the front of the cell gate and started to scream that he needed a doctor or he was going to die **[Pages 3-9, of Inmate Witness [redacted] transcribed interview]**.

Sergeant Lopez arrived at his cell to talk to Suspect Lopez. Sergeant Lopez told him to relax. Sergeant Lopez spoke to Suspect Lopez in English and Spanish. The suspect told Sergeant Lopez he did not feel well. The suspect asked the sergeant to open the door, because he did not like being locked up. Sergeant Lopez told the suspect he would call the fire department to help him. Suspect Lopez continued to demand that Sergeant Lopez open the cell door. He said, "Open up the door, because I can't be in here" **[Pages 10-12, of Inmate Witness [redacted] transcribed interview].**

Four or five deputies responded to the cell and ordered Suspect Lopez to calm down, but the suspect did not listen them. He was "jumping up and down like he was crazy." The deputies gave Suspect Lopez orders to move away from the door so they could take him out, but Suspect Lopez did not comply. Witness [redacted] said the suspect turned his attention toward Witness [redacted], who was asleep on the bottom bunk inside the cell. The suspect grabbed Witness [redacted] blanket and threw it on the floor. The two began to hit and punch each other. Witness [redacted] told Suspect Lopez to calm down and said, "I'm going to knock you out." The deputies then opened the cell and fired the Taser at Suspect Lopez. It was not until the cell gate was opened, that Suspect Lopez stopped hitting Witness [redacted] **[Pages 12-19, of Inmate Witness [redacted] transcribed interview]**.

Witness [redacted] said the Taser prongs struck Suspect Lopez on his midsection **[Page 15, of Inmate Witness [redacted] transcribed interview]**. After the Taser was fired, Suspect Lopez ran out of the cell and pushed the deputies in an attempt to escape. Three or four deputies took the suspect down to the floor and detained him. Witness [redacted] said that was all he witnessed. He heard Suspect Lopez yell for his mom and dad, and said he was going to die. At that point, he could only see the suspect's feet. The deputies took Suspect Lopez away **[Pages 20-26, of Inmate Witness [redacted] transcribed interview]**.

Witness [redacted] said after the incident was over, the deputies asked him and Witness [redacted] if they were okay **[Page 39, of Inmate Witness [redacted] transcribed interview]**.

**Suspect Bruno Lopez**

On September 23, 2019, at 1458 hours, Internal Affairs Bureau investigators conducted an interview with Suspect Bruno Lopez. The interview was conducted in Spanish, at Queen of the Valley Medical Center.

During his interview, Suspect Lopez said he used "Crystal" for several days prior to his arrest. Crystal is a slang term for crystalline methamphetamine **[Page 3-5, of Suspect Bruno Lopez' transcribed interview]**.

Suspect Lopez said when he arrived at the jail, he started to feel ill. He asked the deputies to take him to the doctor. He did not remember much from that point forward, until he arrived at the hospital. Suspect Lopez remembered being inside a cell with two other inmates. He fanned himself with a towel, because he needed air. He did not remember having an altercation with anyone inside the cell, or with deputy personnel. He remembered the deputies told him they were going to take him to the hospital. He was not sure if he spoke to the deputies in English or in Spanish, but said he spoke limited English **[Pages 9-14, of Suspect Lopez' transcribed interview]**.

Suspect Lopez did not remember being hit with the Taser, but remembered being on the floor. He said the deputies grabbed him and told him to calm down. He was not able calm himself down because he felt like he was going to die. He remembered being OC sprayed, and being told to place his hands behind his back. He did not comply with the deputies' orders. Suspect Lopez had been drug free for six months, and that this was the first time he felt the way he did after using drugs. Prior to his six month sobriety, he used drugs for three years. Suspect Lopez said "Crystal Meth" was the only drug he ever used, and he has no history of mental illness. Suspect Lopez said if he had not used drugs, none of this would have happened and he would have complied with the deputies' orders **[Pages 14-27, of Suspect Lopez' transcribed interview]**.